

## Conecuh National Forest PUBLIC NOTICE

## **Prescribed Burn**

(Andalusia, AL) February 15, 2023---- USDA Forest Service federal fire management specialists are planning to conduct two prescribed burns (controlled burn) on 2,854 acres today. The 1st burn is 6 miles north of the Bradley Community, south of Forest Service Road 305. The 2nd burn today is in the Rock Creek community east of County Road 11.

Prescribed burns are low-intensity fires ignited by trained personnel to remove excess fuels, such as vegetation and dead wood, that would enable wildfires to burn hotter and longer.

During today's prescribed burns the public may notice Forest Service fire crews and equipment. Smoke may also be visible from County Road 4 and 11, and U.S Highway 29. The wind is expected to be out of the south and will carry the smoke to the north.

Some settling may occur around the general area of the burn. If encountering smoke on roadways, please slow down, turn on your lowbeam headlights and use caution when encountering prescribed burning operations and smoke.

Prescribed fire plays an important role in the health of forest ecosystems. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and the surrounding communities.

For more information, contact the Conecuh Ranger District at (334) 222-2555. Or visit www.fs.usda.gov/alabama